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Mass production of the new machines made it possible for the miners to fulfill the Five-Year Plan for mechanization of the coal industry. During 1950, such labor-consuming processes as cutting, shooting, conveying, haulage, and loading of coal onto railroad cars were completely mechanized. New machines have opened up extensive possibilities for mechanizing the most labor-consuming process of all, loading coal at the mine face.

The technical re-equipment of the coal industry is lightening the work of the miner and increasing his productivity. Introduction of the new technique into coal mines has necessitated changes in the organization of work and the creation of conditions for the most efficient utilization of machines.

Reorganization of work was begun in the Donbass. It consisted in converting a considerable number of mine faces to the cycle-work schedule. At present, hundreds of Donbass mines are operating on this schedule and completing a cycle each 24 hours. During the first months of the new work schedule, the coal output rose 22 percent and labor productivity increased 19 percent. It is the task of Soviet miners to spread the Donbass experience as far as possible, to convert the entire coal industry to the cycle work schedule.

Living conditions of the miners have also steadily improved. During the postwar Five-Year Plan, miners received more than 3 million square meters of living quarters, hundreds of restored and newly constructed palaces of culture, clubs, nurseries, and other cultural and public buildings.

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